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**COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS, WITH MARKINGS AND STATUS IDENTIFIERS**  
(Currently amended claims showing deletions by ~~strikethrough~~ and additions by underlining)

1 - 10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) : An absorbable A  
biodegradable polyester with at least one monophosphate functionality per absorbable polyester chain wherein said monophosphate functionality comprises a  $-O-P(O)(OH)_2$  moiety covalently linked to said polyester chain via a single phosphate bond, and wherein the polyester chain comprises one or more monomers selected from the group consisting of L-lactic acid, D-lactic acid, DL-lactic acid, malic acid, citric acid, tartaric acid,  $\epsilon$ -hydroxy caproic acid, alkylene oxalate, cycloalkylene oxalate, alkylene succinate,  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate, glycolide, glycolic acid, L-lactide, D-lactide, DL-lactide, meso-lactide, trimethylene carbonate,  $\rho$ -dioxanone, 1,5-dioxepan-2-one and 1,4-dioxepan-2-one and any optically active isomers, racemates, or copolymers thereof.

12 (original) : An absorbable polyester according to claim 11 further comprising one or more polyethylene glycol segments covalently linked to said polyester.

13 - 28 (canceled)